GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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RURAL MIGRATION
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists any policy to check migration from rural to urban areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey on migration from rural to urban areas and if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey on the migrated populace with regard to their occupations in urban areas and if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any survey on urban unemployment and if so, the details thereof caste and gender wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to reduce urban unemployment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION [SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO]

(a) to (c): Ministry of Rural Development is implementing, inter alia, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) and National Land Records Modernization Programme (NLRMP) in rural areas of the country.

The objective of these programmes is to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life in rural areas through employment generation, development of rural infrastructure and provision of other basic amenities. This will help in reducing distress migration of people from rural to urban areas. The findings of independent studies conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development indicate that distress migration from villages has come down due to implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

(d): Socio-Economic & Caste Census in Urban Areas of the country is going on which will provide data on residential, occupational and social vulnerabilities of all the households in urban areas.

(e): The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation had been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) which has been restructured into National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) since September, 2013. It aims at organizing urban poor in self help groups, imparting skill training to urban poor for self and wage employment and helping them to set up self-employment venture by providing credit on subsidized rate of interest. In addition, shelters for urban homeless and infrastructure for street vendors can also be taken up under this Mission.